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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST:
PAUL L. HOCH

Your communication of May 14, 1971, forwarded a copy of a request submitted by Mr. Paul L. Hoch dated May 10, 1971, and its enclosures.

Mr. Hoch requests copies of certain items mentioned in Warren Commission Document number 7 as having been examined by the FBI Laboratory as possible samples of the handwriting, handprinting or signatures of Lee Harvey Oswald. The items specified by Mr. Hoch were a photograph of an envelope addressed to "The Worker 23 W. 26th St. New York 10, N. Y." postmarked at New Orleans, June 8, 1963; photographs of a two-page handwritten letter to "The 'Worker'" signed Lee H. Oswald; and Post Office change of address card bearing the address "The Worker 26 W. 23th St. New York 10, N. Y."

The envelope mentioned above is referred to only in the listing appearing on page 328 of Warren Commission Document number 7. However, the two-page letter is summarized on page 3 of Commission Exhibit number 826. The change of address card is mentioned on page 4 of Commission Exhibit number 826. This Commission Exhibit is published in Volume XVII of the hearings before the President's Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy. Although the change of address card is in the National Archives as FBI exhibit D-21, the photographs of the other two items are not identified as material included in the exhibits in this case.

You will note that the photographs relate to the investigative period prior to Oswald's departure from New Orleans and several months before the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

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As was pointed out in the letter from this Bureau dated May 20, 1971, regarding a much broader request on the part of Mr. Hoch, investigation of Oswald prior to the assassination was for law enforcement purposes, and items relating thereto should be exempted from public scrutiny. The change of address card, now identified in the National Archives as FBI exhibit D-21, has been available for public scrutiny. However, the other two items, the photographs, have not been released, and should not be released to Mr. Hoch. U

It is suggested that Mr. Hoch be told that he should limit his requests to material that has been released for public disclosure. U

A copy of Mr. Hoch's request and its enclosures are returned herewith. U

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NOTE:

Mr. John F. Simmons, National Archives, advised on 5/27/71 that he had no record of the photographs, but the change of address card was in the Archives. U

The change of address card mailed by Oswald to "The Worker" but to the wrong address, bears a stamp on its face "Received 7/8/63 from CSNY 48 S." U

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